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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 May 1999.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 28-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 28-52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.  
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                      4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                      5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) g.                      6) ☐ Other:

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims **28- 52** are presented for examination.

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103**

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 28-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over **Neilsen** U.S. Patent No. **5,813,007**, in view of **Rappaport et al** (hereinafter Rappaport) U.S. Patent No. **4,752,889**.

4. As to claim 28, **Nielsen** teaches the invention substantially as claimed, including a computer-implemented method for facilitating the management of a web site, comprising:

scanning the web site to generate a first data structure which represents the web site at a first point in time (figure 3, col. 9 lines 14-42, col. 13 lines 4-28),

subsequently, after changes have been made to the web site, scanning the web site to generate a second data structure which represents the web site at a second point in time (figures 8, 9, col. 11 lines 38-col. 12 lines 48),

comparing the first data structure to the second data structure to identify modifications that were made to the web site between the first and the second points in time (col. 12 lines 6-48).

However, **Nielsen** does not explicitly teach the step of generating a graphical map in which at least some of the modifications are represented. **Rappaport** teaches the step of generating a graphical map in which at least some of the modifications are represented (figures 3, 4, col. 4 lines 18-59). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Nielsen and Rappaport** to have the step of generating a graphical map in which at least some of the modifications are represented because it would help the management system to display, check and maintain the functional relationships between elements of the web site.

5. As to claim 29, **Nielsen** does not explicitly teach the invention as claimed, however, **Rappaport** teaches the step of generating the graphical map comprises displaying at least one of the following types of objects in a distinct color: new nodes, new links, modified nodes, deleted nodes, and deleted links (figure 9, abstract, col. 2

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lines 5-31, col. 6 lines 45-col. 7 lines 10). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Nielsen and Rappaport** to have the step of generating the graphical map comprises displaying at least one of the following types of objects in a distinct color: new nodes, new links, modified nodes, deleted nodes, and deleted links because it would help the management system to have the same motivation as set forth in claim 1, *supra*.

6. As to claim 30, **Nielsen** does not explicitly teach the invention as claimed, however, **Rappaport** teaches the step of generating the graphical map comprises presenting a user an option to specify types of modifications to be displayed within the map (figures 3, 4, col. 4 lines 18-59). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Nielsen and Rappaport** to have the same motivation as set forth in claim 1.

7. As to claim 31, **Nielsen** does not explicitly teach the invention as claimed, however, **Rappaport** teaches the graphical map includes icons that represent modified web pages, and the method further comprises responding to user selection of an icon that represents a modified web page by displaying the modified web page (figure 4, col. 4 lines 46-col. 5 lines 37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Nielsen and Rappaport** to have the same motivation as set forth in claim 1.

8. As to claim 32, **Nielsen** does not explicitly teach the invention as claimed, however, **Rappaport** teaches the step of generating the graphical map comprises using a layout algorithm to position graphical representations of nodes and links of the web site on a display screen (figures 3-8, col. 5 lines 25-37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Nielsen and Rappaport** to have the same motivation as set forth in claim 1.

9. As to claim 33, **Nielsen** teaches the invention substantially as claimed, further comprising automatically sending to a user an email message which lists at least some of the modifications (abstract, figure 10, col. 4 lines 27-55).

10. As to claim 34, **Nielsen** teaches the invention substantially as claimed, wherein the web site is scanned and the first and second data structures compared automatically according to a pre-specified schedule (abstract, figure 5, col. 3 lines 17-32, col. 12 lines 6-48).

11. As to claim 35, **Nielsen** teaches the invention substantially as claimed, wherein scanning the web site comprises storing attributes which indicate dates and times of last modification of content objects of the web site, and comparing the first and second data structures comprises comparing the attributes of like content objects to identify content objects that have been modified (col. 3 lines 33-67, col. 12 lines 6-48).

12. As to claim 36, **Nielsen** teaches the invention substantially as claimed, including a computer-implemented method for facilitating the analysis of a web comprising:

comparing the web site at a first point in time to the web site at a second point in time to identify modifications made to the web site between the first and second points in time (abstract, figure 5, col. 3 lines 17-32, col. 12 lines 6-48).

However, **Nielsen** does not explicitly teach the step of generating a graphical map in which at least some of the modifications to the web site are highlighted.

**Rappaport** teaches the invention substantially as claimed, including the step of generating a graphical map in which at least some of the modifications to the web site are highlighted (figures 3, 4, col. 4 lines 18-59). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Nielsen and Rappaport** to have the step of generating a graphical map in which at least some of the modifications to the web site are highlighted because it would help the management system easy to check and maintain the functional relationships between elements of the web site.

13. As to claim 37, **Nielsen** does not explicitly teach the invention as claimed, however, **Rappaport** teaches the step of generating the graphical map comprises displaying at least one of the following types of objects in a distinct color: new nodes, new links, modified nodes, deleted nodes, and deleted links (figure 9, abstract, col. 2

lines 5-31, col. 6 lines 45-col. 7 lines 10). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Nielsen and Rappaport** to have the same motivation as set forth in paragraph 12, *supra*.

14. As to claim 38, **Nielsen** does not explicitly teach the invention as claimed, however, **Rappaport** teaches the step of generating the graphical map comprises highlighting at least the following types of objects: new nodes, new links, modified nodes, deleted nodes, and deleted links (figures 3, 4, 9, abstract, col. 2 lines 5-31, col. 4 lines 18-59, col. 6 lines 45-col. 7 lines 10). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Nielsen and Rappaport** to have the same motivation as set forth in paragraph 12.

15. As to claim 39, **Nielsen** does not explicitly teach the invention as claimed, however, **Rappaport** teaches the step of generating the graphical map comprises presenting a user an option to specify types of modifications to be displayed within the map (figures 3, 4, col. 4 lines 18-59). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Nielsen and Rappaport** to have the same motivation as set forth in paragraph 12.



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16. As to claim 40, **Nielsen** does not explicitly teach the invention as claimed, however, **Rappaport** teaches the graphical map includes icons that represent modified web pages, and the method further comprises responding to user selection of an icon that represents a modified web page by displaying the modified web page (figure 4, col. 4 lines 46-col. 5 lines 37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Nielsen and Rappaport** to have the same motivation as set forth in paragraph 12.

17. As to claim 41, **Nielsen** does not explicitly teach the invention as claimed, however, **Rappaport** teaches the step of wherein generating the graphical map comprises using a layout algorithm to position graphical representations of nodes and links of the web site within the map (figures 3-8, col. 5 lines 25-37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Nielsen and Rappaport** to have the same motivation as set forth in paragraph 12.

18. As to claim 42, **Nielsen** teaches the invention substantially as claimed, wherein comparing the web site comprises automatically scanning the web site according to a pre-specified schedule (abstract, figure 5, col. 3 lines 17-32, col. 12 lines 6-48).

19. As to claim 43, **Nielsen** teaches the invention substantially as claimed, further comprising sending an email message to a prespecified address to notify a user of results of an automated scanning and comparison event (abstract, figure 10, col. 4 lines 27-55).

20. As to claim 44, **Nielsen** teaches the invention substantially as claimed, wherein comparing the web site comprises scanning the web site to generate a current representation of the web site, and comparing the current representation to a prior representation on a node-by-node and link-by-link basis to identify the modifications (col. 3 lines 33-67, col. 12 lines 6-48).

21. As to claim 45, **Neilsen** teaches the invention substantially as claimed, including a computer-readable medium having stored thereon a computer program, the computer program comprising:

a scanning module which scans a web site to generate a representation of the web site, the representation specifying at least an arrangement of nodes and links of the web site (abstract, figure 5, col. 3 lines 17-32, col. 12 lines 6-48),

a comparison module which compares representations of the web site generated by the scanning module at different times to identify modifications made to the web site (col. 3 lines 33-67, col. 12 lines 6-48).

However, **Nielsen** does not explicitly teach a mapping module which generates a graphical site map in which at least some of the modifications are highlighted.

**Rappaport** teaches a mapping module which generates a graphical site map in which at least some of the modifications are highlighted (figures 3, 4, col. 4 lines 18-59). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Nielsen and Rappaport** to have the step of generates a graphical site map in which at least some of the modifications are highlighted because it would help the management system easy to check and maintain the functional relationships between elements of the web site.

22. As to claim 46, **Nielsen** does not explicitly teach the invention as claimed, however, **Rappaport** teaches the comparison module automatically identifies at least the following types of modifications: new nodes, new links, modified nodes, deleted nodes, and deleted links (figure 9, abstract, col. 2 lines 5-31, col. 6 lines 45-col. 7 lines 10). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Nielsen and Rappaport** to have the same motivation as set forth in paragraph 21.

23. As to claim 47, **Nielsen** teaches the invention substantially as claimed, wherein the comparison module uses content object attributes that indicate dates and times of last modification to automatically identify nodes that have been modified (col. 3 lines 33-67, col. 12 lines 6-48).

24. As to claim 48, **Nielsen** teaches the invention substantially as claimed, wherein the scanning and comparison modules operate according to a predefined schedule to automatically scan and identify changes to the web site (abstract, figure 5, col. 3 lines 17-32, col. 12 lines 6-48).

25. As to claim 49, **Nielsen** teaches the invention substantially as claimed, wherein the comparison module automatically sends an email message to a pre-specified address to notify a user of an automated comparison event (abstract, figure 10, col. 4 lines 27-55).

26. As to claim 50, **Nielsen** does not explicitly teach the invention as claimed, however, **Rappaport** teaches the mapping module presents a user an option to specify types of modifications to be displayed within the site map (figures 3, 4, col. 4 lines 18-59). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Nielsen and Rappaport** to have the same motivation as set forth in paragraph 21.

27. As to claim 51, **Nielsen** does not explicitly teach the invention as claimed, however, **Rappaport** teaches the mapping module presents the user an option to display or conceal each of the following types of objects within the site map: new nodes, modified nodes, deleted nodes, unmodified nodes, new links, deleted links, and unmodified links (figures 3, 4, 9, abstract, col. 2 lines 5-31, col. 4 lines 18-59, col. 6 lines

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45-col. 7 lines 10). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Nielsen and Rappaport** to have the same motivation as set forth in paragraph 21.

28. As to claim 52, **Nielsen** does not explicitly the invention as claimed, however, **Rappaport** teaches the mapping module implements a layout algorithm to position graphical representations of nodes and links on a display screen according to an organizational structure of the web site (figures 3-8, col. 5 lines 25-37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Nielsen and Rappaport** to have the same motivation as set forth in paragraph 21.

## Conclusion

29. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

30. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Ha Nguyen, whose telephone number is (703) 305-7447. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, SPE Ayaz R. Sheikh, can be reached at (703) 305-9648.

Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

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